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CIA Is Accused By W. Reich of Protecting a Spy

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Berlin — An "internal investigation" is in progress inside the Central Intelligence Agency because of allegations of inefficiency by West German intelligence officials. They have charged the Americans with the careless screening 10 years ago of Dr. Josef Eitzenberger, 63, an Austrian scientist arrested here for allegedly passing on to the Russians highly classified information on secret North Atlantic Treaty Organization electronic codes which he himself invented.

Dr. Eitzenberger was employed after returning from Russia, at the U.S.-sponsored Batelle Scientific Research Foundation in Frankfurt, a branch of the Batelle Memorial Institute of Columbus, Ohio. Officials said the information in Dr. Eitzenberger's possession "could be of considerable value to a potential enemy." It concerned a secret ultra-long wave communication system alleged to be "unbreakable."

He also is believed to have communicated to the Russians, and this is especially worrying to the West Germans, details of the secret U.S.-designed

navigation system used in the West German Air Force's Starfighters, the fleet of 600 atom bomb carrying aircraft which form the hard core of NATO's striking force in Europe.

To Iron Out Defects

Dr. Eitzenberger was employed to iron out defects in the navigational system which for several years bedeviled the Starfighter's capacity to aim and deliver nuclear missiles accurately.

West German intelligence, on whose order Dr. Eitzenberger has been held for questioning, lays the blame for the intelligence leak on the Americans.

Sharp criticisms of the CIA have been made by the West Germans, who were annoyed for some time that Dr. Eitzenberger enjoyed American protection inside West Germany. This protection was given despite German suspicions that he had been secretly spying for the Soviet KGB (secret police) since his return from the Soviet Union in 1958 after working on scientific projects for the Russians.

These suspicions led to Dr. Eitzenberger's being

photographed by Bonn intelligence men at a meeting with KGB officials in Vienna. Anxious to avoid conflict with the Austrian government by pouncing on them, the West Germans waited until they received confirmation.

Dr. Eitzenberger now is thought to have been persuaded by the Russians to work for them before being sent home from Russia 10 years ago.

Regular Visits to Girl

By that time he is alleged to have had a close personal liaison with a Soviet KGB girl who followed him to Vienna. There she was employed at the Soviet Embassy, and Dr. Eitzenberger paid regular visits to her.

It is alleged that he passed on most of the information about his secret work on what has been called here "an East-West divan."

Dr. Eitzenberger's work for the Russians began in 1946 after he was taken to Monino, a small town near Moscow, where he worked in a "brain trust" with other German scientists to help Russia's rocket research. He won his freedom by his success in developing a TV device built into the nose of Soviet missiles which enabled their flight to be controlled from the ground.

Even so, the Russians kept Dr. Eitzenberger "on ice" for two years in Russia after his official release to prevent his passing on up-to-the-minute details of Russian missile secrets on returning to the West.

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